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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRIP TO MOSCOW AND WESTERN EUROPE
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1. AFTER FURTHER CONSULTATION BETWEEN CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER, THE GERMANS HAVE SAID THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WILL GIVE THE LUNCH FOR SECRETARY VANCE AND THAT THE LUNCH WILL TAKE PLACE EITHER IN THE PALAIS SCHAUMBURG OR IN THE NEW CHANCELLERY. GENSCHER WILL ALSO ATTEND THE LUNCH, WHICH IS TO BE CONFINED TO A SMALL GROUP ON BOTH SIDES. THE LUNCH WILL START, THE GERMANS TELL US, AROUND 1300 - 1315.

2. AS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AFTER LUNCH, IT HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED WHETHER THE CHANCELLOR WILL PARTICIPATE. THE FOREIGN OFFICE TELLS US THAT THIS WILL PROBABLY BE AGREED AT THE TIME, THOUGH THEY MAY TRY TO INFORM US IN ADVANCE.

3. THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS ALSO TOLD US THAT, AS
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PREVIOUSLY PLANNED, THOSE MEMBERS OF THE US DELEGATION NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE CHANCELLERY PROGRAM WILL PROCEED TO THE VENUSBERG GUEST HOUSE FOR DISCUSSIONS AND LUNCH WITH COUNTERPARTS.

4. AS WE HAVE EARLIER REPORTED, BOTH THE CHANCELLOR AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER WISH TO PLAY KEY ROLES IN THE

SECRETARY'S VISIT. IT APPEARS AT THIS POINT THAT THE
CHANCELLOR WILL BE ACTING AS PRINCIPAL HOST. WE WILL
ATTEMPT TO LEARN FROM THE GERMANS WHAT OTHER SENIOR
OFFICIALS WILL PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS AND LUNCHEONS, AND
WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT ON
WHO WILL WISH TO ATTEND FROM OUR SIDE.
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